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TRIO WIN NOBEL CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR WORK ON PROTEIN STRUCTURE

David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper were honoured for their work in predicting and even designing the structure of proteins

BAKER AWARDED FOR DESIGNING NEW PROTEINS

Baker designed a new protein in 2003 and his research group has since produced several new proteins, including those that can be used as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, nanomaterials and tiny sensors. "David Baker has succeeded with the almost impossible feat of building entirely new kinds of proteins," the Nobel Committee said in its statement | P12

USING AI TO PREDICT PROTEIN STRUCTURE

- Hassabis and Jumper created an artificial intelligence model that has been able to predict the complex structure of over 200 million proteins
- The shape of proteins is key as it determines their function. Heiner Linke, chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, said the two solved a 50-year-old problem: predicting proteins' complex structures

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WHEN HASSABIS AND JUMPER FIRST USED AI TO PREDICT PROTEIN STRUCTURE

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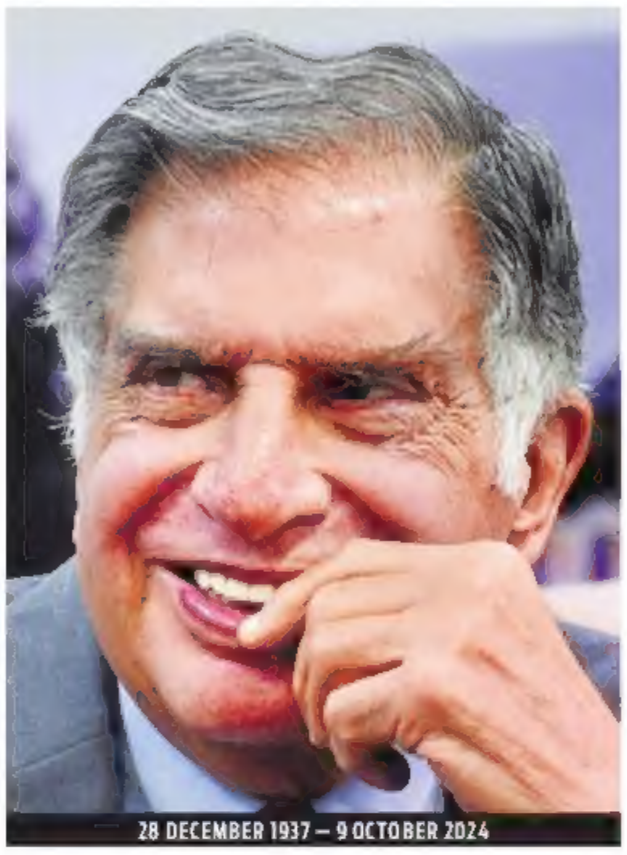
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TATA, SIR

GURBIR SINGH @ Mumbai

INDIA's best known industrialist and chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, 86, passed away at South Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital late on Wednesday night leaving a vacuum in the formidable $100 billion Tata Group.

Confirming persistent speculation that the ailing corporate leader had breathed his last, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran announced: "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr Ratan Naval Tata, a truly uncommon leader whose immeasurable contributions have shaped not only the Tata Group but also the very fabric of our nation."

Paying condolences to the industrialist, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a post on X said: "He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses."

As late as on Monday, when he was admitted to hospital, Ratan Tata took to X to scotch speculation about his ill health saying he was going in for a routine medical check-up.

Ratan Tata started his career in the Tata Group in 1961 managing operations on the shop floor of Tata Steel. CONTINUED ON: P13

Knives out for Congress from INDIA bloc allies after Haryana debacle

Shiv Sena (UBT), AAP, TMC lead the attack, say grand old party's arrogance led to defeat

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Wednesday came under fire from its INDIA bloc allies who squarely blamed the grand old party for the poll debacle in Haryana, with several leaders accusing it of being 'arrogant, overconfident and entitled' and giving less space to its regional allies.

Launching a scathing attack, the Shiv Sena (UBT) attributed the Congress's poor show to the 'overconfidence and arrogance' of the party's state leadership. In an editorial of Sena's mouthpiece Saamana, it asked the Congress leadership to introspect and learn from its mistakes. The jibe comes at a time when Congress and the alliance partners are engaged in seat-sharing talks ahead of the Maharashtra elections, scheduled for later this year.

"The INDIA alliance could not win in Haryana because the Congress felt they would win on their own and they did not need any other partner in power. If they had shared seats with the SP, AAP or other smaller parties, the results would have been different," said Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut.

The Congress' Haryana unit had unit refused to accommodate the AAP and the SP, though senior leader Rahul Gandhi was in favour of it.

The party suffered another setback as its Uttar Pradesh ally Samajwadi Party on Wednesday released a list of six candidates for the upcoming Assembly bypolls. Sources said Congress leaders were upset about the SP's unilateral move as it came in the middle of ongoing talks.

Meanwhile, leaders of AAP and TMC were unsparing towards the Congress. AAP leaders also ruled out any truck with the Congress in Delhi assembly elections, scheduled for early next year.

Taking potshots at Congress, AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha penned a poem on X: "If you had cared about my wishes, it would have been a different matter, If you had taken care of our desires, it would have been a different evening. Today he too must be regretting leaving me, If we had walked together it would have been something else."

Several Opposition leaders including Congress' Jammu and Kashmir ally Omar Abdullah, the Left parties, and Bihar ally RJD targeted the Congress and asked it to introspect and change its strategies.

"Congress will have to go deep into it and find the reasons for its defeat," Abdullah said. TMC MP Saket Gokhale said the attitude of not accommodating regional parties even in places where they felt they were winning, led to the shocking electoral setback.

Congress leaders Pawan Khera, Ashok Gehlot, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Jairam Ramesh and KC Venugopal after meeting the ECI in New Delhi on Wednesday | PARVEEN NEGI

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for 10th time in a row

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%, for the 10th time in a row, but changed its stance to 'neutral' that may lead to a cut in the forthcoming policies. According to analysts, the change in stance is the first step towards a rate cut and signals the beginning of the easing cycle as early as December.

However, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das, who completes his five-year term in December, refused to accept the policy stance change is a pivot. "The prevailing and expected inflation-growth balance has created conditions for a shift in the monetary policy stance as there is greater confidence on last mile of disinflation," he said.

Shaktikanta Das

The banking regulator also retained the retail inflation projection at 4.5% for 2024-25, with Das stressing the central bank will have to closely monitor the price situation and keep the 'inflation horse' under tight leash lest it may bolt again.

RBI maintained status quo despite the US Federal Reserve lowering the benchmark rates by 50 basis points last month. The central banks of some developed nations have also reduced their interest rates.

This was the first meeting after the RBI's monetary policy committee was reconstituted last month. The three newly appointed external members are Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya and Nagesh Kumar.

TM Krishna's MS misogyny

S Gurumurthy calls out the conferring of the 'Sangita Kalanidhi MS Subbulakshmi Award' on TM Krishna despite the latter's misogynistic tirade against MS, who Nehru said was the Queen of Music

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Drama over Atishi's 'eviction' from official home

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

THE political tussle between Delhi's AAP government and the Lieutenant Governor has a new flashpoint: the Delhi CM's official residence.

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi's office on Wednesday alleged that her official residence at 6, Flagstaff Road was forcibly vacated by L-G V K Saxena on orders from the BJP.

"For the first time in the history of the country, the CM's residence was vacated. On the instructions of the BJP, L-G forcibly removed CM Atishi's belongings from the CM residence. LG is preparing to allot the CM residence to a big BJP leader," the CMO alleged.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh said, "Despite official correspondence, the CM residence had not been allotted to Atishi, who is the rightful allottee as CM of Delhi. Although a temporary office was set up at the residence, the staff was later evacuated."

Sources at the L-G's office, however, said the owner of the CM's residence is the PWD, which takes possession of the residence after it is vacated, makes inventory of goods kept there, and then, allots it to the next chief minister.

The BJP claimed that the bungalow was not handed over to the Public Works Department and its keys were still with Kejriwal.

Nagendra orchestrated Valmiki scam: ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE special court to try cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs has taken cognizance of a prosecution complaint filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the alleged scam in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

B Nagendra, Congress MLA and former minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare, has been named as the prime accused and mastermind behind the scam.

He allegedly orchestrated the scam with the help of 24 others, including his associates Satyanarayana Varma, Etakari Satyanarayana, JG Padmanabha, Nageshwar Rao, Nekkenti Nagaraj and Vijay Kumar Gowda.

The ED launched its investigation on the basis of the FIRs registered by Karnataka police and CBI, which found that around Rs 89.62 crore was diverted from the bank accounts of the corporation to the fake accounts in some banks in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and later laundered the money through shell entities. This scam came to light after Chandrashekhar, an employee of the corporation, died by suicide in May 2024, according to a press release from the ED. P5

MUDA CASE

Lokayukta police issue summons to Siddu's kin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE Lokayukta police have summoned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy, who has been named as accused No. 3, and Devaraju, accused No 3, for questioning on Thursday as part of their investigation into the alleged irregularities in allotment of MUDA sites to CM's wife Parvathi, according to a highly placed source in the Lokayukta office here.

The land acquired by MUDA from Parvathi was gifted to her by Swamy, who had purchased it from Devaraju. MUDA had allotted 14 sites to Parvathi in an upmarket area in Mysuru for the land acquired from her under the 50:50 scheme.

Siddaramaiah has been named as accused No 1 and his wife as accused No 2 in the case registered on a complaint by social activist Snehamayi Krishna. A Lokayukta team inspected the land in question along with the complainant last week.

EXPRESS READ

Munirathna laid trap for 2 ex-CMs: Survivor

Bengaluru: The woman who filed a rape case against BJP MLA Munirathna has alleged he had honey-trapped two former Karnataka CMs to get a cabinet berth. She said if the government gives her protection, she would submit the evidence to the SIT probing cases registered against him. P4

Court orders inquiry against Pinarayi

Kochi: The Ernakulam Chief Judicial Magistrate Court has ordered an inquiry against Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan for his remarks on the assault on Youth Congress workers, during a Nava Kerala Sadas rally last year. The inquiry was ordered on the basis of a complaint filed by Ernakulam DCC President. P5

IN PURSUIT OF SPIRITUAL PATH

Raj mining tycoon donates 3K acres to Magadi mutt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PB Oswal Jain, a mining tycoon from Rajasthan, has donated around 3,000 acres of land in various parts of Karnataka to Palanahalli Mutt at Magadi in Ramanagara district.

Revealing this to reporters here, Dr Siddaraju Swamiji of the mutt said, "PB Oswal Jain has donated 3,000 acres of land to the mutt as per legal procedures. The pieces of land are under two companies registered in Tumakuru. Mining is being done there. Income from mining will be used for maintenance of the mutt, construction of schools, colleges, hospitals, cowsheds, temples and welfare projects."

A senior member of the mutt told TNIE that properties owned by Jain were transferred to the mutt a month ago. The properties are in Shivasandra, Gubbi, and Chitradurga. Coal and minerals are being extracted from the land in these places. Jain, who is on a spiritual path, made this donation to the mutt.

He said Jain, 78, has been associated with the mutt for the past 25 years. Jain has a son, who is settled abroad, and a daughter, who is a chartered accountant in Rajasthan. He divided his inherited property between his children 20 years ago. However, the land donated to the mutt is not inherited, but earned by him. Jain settled down in Karnataka 30 years ago.

Jain said, "I took a Jain vow and donated my property to the mutt to follow the spiritual path."

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